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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 598

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A RESOLUTION To create a special joint committee to study the feasibility of consolidating various state boards and commissions.

WHEREAS, The precarious fiscal situation in which the State of Tennessee now finds itself dictates that the members of this General Assembly explore all reasonable means of reducing expenses and reorganizing state government to secure efficiencies and effect savings; and

WHEREAS, A multitude of state boards and commissions exercising either regulatory, advisory, policy making or other functions has grown up throughout state government over the years; and

WHEREAS, Because program priorities evolve and change, and new programs are instituted that may partially duplicate the mission of older programs, duplications of effort may develop among existing and new boards and commissions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the feasibility of

abolishing or consolidating various state boards and commissions within Tennessee State government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the special joint committee shall consist of five (5) members of the House of Representatives, two (2) from the Committee on Government Operations, two (2) from the Committee on State and Local Government, and one (1) from the Committee on Commerce; and five (5) members of the Senate, two (2) from the Committee on Government Operations, two (2) from the Committee on State and Local Government, and one (1) from the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Agriculture, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Third General Assembly, no later than February 1, 2003, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.